Dheri, Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Services has been constituted to enquire into the causes of fire at departure terminal 1A of the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

(b) and (c) The Committee expected to submit its report by 30-11-1996 and after receipt of recommendations of the Committee, suitable steps will be intiated.

(d) A one time check and inspection of the fire fighting arrangements including the fire alarm system etc. at all terminals of airports have been conducted.

Policy Changes for Capacity Addition by IA

459. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the significant policy changes like stricter pre-entry scrutiny of private operators, in preference to Indian Airlines for capacity addition etc.;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) in what way this is going to improve the services of private airlines and retionalise capacity addition in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) A proposal to review the policy on domestic air transport services is under consideration of the Government.

Request for Relaxation of Lending Norms

460. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to obviating the cash-crunch in the market, the Financial Institutions have requested Government for relaxation in lending norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The lending norms are decided by the Financial Institutions on their own without reference to Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strike by the Students of FTII

461. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) went on strike;

(b) if so, the reasons and details of their demands; and

(c) what steps have been taken to find solution to the issues raised by the students?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. The students of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune went on strike from 23rd October, 1996 which was called off on 29th October, 1996.

(b) The main demand of the students was that the duration of courses in the Institute should be restored to the earlier level of three years. The duration of courses had been reduced to two years from the academic session beginning from January, 1996. The other demands made by the students were representation of the students on the Governing Council, reversal of the decision to raise the fees and that the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) be given statutory status.

(c) The Minister for Information and Broadcasting met the representatives of the students on 30th October, 1996 after they had called of their strike on 29th October, 1996. After discussions, it has been agreed that the issue regarding restoration of the three year duration of the courses, which is the primary demand of the students, would be considered by the Governing Council of the Institute.